

### ~BIKATH-AVEN (30)

(Bik'ath-a'ven) [Valley Plain of Hurtfulness, Something Hurtful]

- A place or valley plain associated with Damascus and Beth-edem in Yehowah's prophecy through Amos foretelling the exile of the people of Syria.
- And I will break the bar of Damascus and cut off the inhabitant from **Bikath-aven**, and the holder of the scepter from Beth-edem, and the people of Syria will have to go as exiles to Kir, Yehowah has said. (**Amos 1:5**)
- In the absence of any record of a Syrian city or town by that name, some scholars connect **Bikath-aven** with the Beqa` Valley between the Lebanon and the Anti-Lebanon mountains. The predicted cutting-off of the inhabitants of **Bikath-aven** evidently came about as a result of Assyrian King Tiglath-pileser III's conquest of Syria.
- At that the king of Assyria listened to him and the king of Assyria went up to Damascus and captured it and led its people into exile at Kir, and Rezin he put to death. (**2 Kings 16:9**)
- Then King Ahaz went to meet Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria at Damascus, and he got to see the altar that was in Damascus. So King Ahaz sent Urijah the priest the design of the altar and its pattern as respects all its workmanship. (**2 Kings 16:10**)